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'TWAS observed by some of the most Judicious of the Ancients, that amongst Men, equal by Nature, there are few that bear patiently the Difference with which they are ordinarily distinguish'd by *Fortune*. We may look upon this innate *Impatience* as the principal Cause why most Men are known to obey with regret. From this Source flows that almost constant Current of *Envy* and *Defamation* with which the *Great* and *Powerful* are overwhelm'd: Nor is it to be wonder'd, for the same Reason, that *Man* should not always be able to check, even if willing, an *Impatience* which is blended with his Nature; or that most of those placed in a State of Subordination, should take such unwearied Pains, as we find they do, to be thought to surpass in *Merit* all whom *Fortune* has set above them in *Power*

Is this *Impatience* and *Self-sufficiency*, so natural to Man, be duly consider'd, 'twon't be surprising that all *Governments* are generally thought partial and severe; all Sense of the Benefits arising from the Lenity and Affection of *Governors* being sunk in the Envy which their *Power* necessarily creates. Hence it comes, that the mildest *Government* that ever was or can be, has, and will eternally not only be decry'd, but *opposed*, whenever *Opposition* may be attempted with any hopes of Impunity. Hence it was, according to the Duke *de Rohan*, that the mild and affectionate Government of that great and good Prince *Henry* IV. of *France*, was generally complained of as Avaricious and Oppressive, though there was not the least Foundation for such Complaints. *But*, says that discerning Nobleman, *I very well know, that the general Humour of Mankind inclines them to desire what they have not, and to disesteem and slight what they possess. The Mind of Man is unstable, presumptuous and envious; and is often more troubled at the Wealth and Honour which another possesses, than that he enjoys them not himself.*

There is another, and a far nobler Incentive to *Opposition*, than those arising from *Impatience* and *Envy*; and that is, the Love of *Freedom*. But that, which should be the sole Motive to all *Oppositions*, is seldom that to any, tho' it be generally the Pretext for most. All the great and dangerous *Conspirators* we read of, bore *Liberty* in their *Shields*, and rever'd it with their *Tongues*, but had no Traces of it in their *Hearts*. And this was the Reason that so few of those *great Changes* we read of, occasioned by *Opposition*, have turned to publick Advantage. 'Twas impossible they should; for where *private Pique* and *Ambition*, the inseparable Concomitants of that *Envy* and *Impatience* we had treated of, are the principal Springs of *Opposition*, 'tis morally impossible it should be productive of *general Good*.

As all *Oppositions* are primarily set on Foot by a few, to be able to discern when *Liberty*, or *Pique*, and *Ambition*, are the genuine Motives to any *Opposition*, 'twill be absolutely necessary to inquire with strict Diligence into the *Character* and *natural Disposition*, not only of the *first Opposers*, but likewise of their *associate Chiefs*. The unwary, often the deluded *Multitude*, are never made acquainted with the genuine, and often distant *Views* of their *Leaders*, and therefore can't be supposed to be able to form any other Judgment of their *Intentions*, than what may be gather'd from their *Characters* and *natural Dispositions*. And these may be said to be infallible Tests: For however artfully and industriously Men may endeavour to disguise their real *Intentions*, they can't fail of being seen through by those that study to be acquainted with their *Characters* and *Dispositions*.

The present *Opposition* being attended with more dangerous Symptoms than any we read of, we can't think 'twill be dis-serving our Fellow Subjects to publish the Characters of *Six* of the principal *Opponents* as we find them drawn in a *Manuscript* lately communicated to us by a sincere Lover of the Government and Constitution. The Portraitures are supposed to be drawn by *Britannia*, and spoken to *Minos*, on an Occasion suggested by the Fancy of the ingenious Author.

'But, that you may be the better able to form a right Judgment of these *Pretenders* to *publick Virtue*, I shall draw their Pictures in Miniature only; for to paint them in large would take up too much of your Time.

'I shall begin with shewing you how the *prime Agent*, who now wou'd force himself upon me, had behaved whilst I retain'd him in my Service. Buoy'd up by the Indulgence of an easy *Mistress*, and the Applauses of a giddy, indiscerning *Party-Multitude*, that imagined he had exchanged the *Principles* he had been bred up in for theirs, he would set himself in the *Van* of all my other *Servants*, in which he must have succeeded, had not the *Destinies* interfered. But, even in the State of Subordination to which he was obliged to submit, he found means to embroil me with all my *natural Allies*; to strengthen the Hands of the *common Enemy*; to create Animosities in my *Bowels*; to lessen my Influence on the *Continent*, and to bring me into *Discredit* both at Home and Abroad. All this, and more, he did, during the *short Continuance* of his *subordinate Sway*, to pave his way to that *Power* he still pants for. He projected the Defeat of a *favourite Settlement* that had been maturely concerted by some of my faithfullest Sons; and he could not fail of Success, if his deluded *Mistress* had lived But such is his *Inconstancy*; so strong is his bass to *Perfidy*, that no sooner had he foisted himself into the Confidence of *him* chiefly interested in the Defeat of the aforesaid *Settlement*, than he *betray'd* him, to obtain that *Mercy* it would have been the publick Interest to refuse him.

'*Mercy* he found against the *Opinion*, yet still without *Opposition*, of *One* he has constantly ever since endeavour'd to *distress*, in order to step into his *Post*. He is of those *restless Spirits* that can never be at ease; one of those *ambitious Souls* that can't bear an *Equal*, much less a *Superior*; and who, rather than be allow'd to sit on the *Pinacle*, would join in overturning the *whole Edifice*. What he was unable to perpetrate by Force during his *Influence*, he has since sought to compass by *Art* and *Hypocrisy*: And so deep is his *Dissimulation*, so keen his *Politicks*, that it requir'd uncommon Discernment to guard against the collusive *Poison* of his *Tongue* and *Pen*. His Wit being sprightly, his Expression elegant and flowing, and his Manner genteel and easy, he soon ingratiated himself to most of those he conversed with; and he was ever sure to exert himself amongst them he had Designs upon. To pull down the *great Man* who stood in his Way to *Power*, his first Care was, after he had obtain'd unmerited *Mercy*, to sow the Seeds of *Discord* betwixt this *great Personage* and his *bosom Friends*. Among the chief of those was one of his present *Colleagues*, whom the great Object of his *Envy* held in the highest Esteem. They grew up together in Power as in Friendship; and were thought to be so every way alike in Sentiment and Principle, that 'twas believ'd the Union was indissoluble. But what Mind is proof against deep Deceit, mask'd with Friendship, and usher'd by an harmonious, persuasive Tongue?

'First, then, he is flatter'd; his Talents, his Birth, his Alliance, his Fortune, his Merit are magnify'd; they are all set high above those of him whom he was imperceptibly taught to slight and contemn. This soothing Avenue once gain'd, 'twas not difficult to raise an injurious Jealousy of his *Friend* and *Fellow-Labourer*, whom he was inspired to *destroy*, in order to rise on his Ruins. From *Jealousy* he was soon led to *Contempt*, and thence to *Aversion*. And thus by Degrees, from a *fast Friend*, he was become so implacable an *Enemy*, that, to destroy him, he scrupled not publickly attempting to *violate* the most sacred Laws of *Society*, at the Expence of his own *Honour* and *Veracity* — Such is the fatal Extremity to which the Vain, Haughty and Ambitious are reduced by *Resentment!*

'The *Arch Tempter* soon found means to reconcile his *Proselyte* to another of his *Colleagues*, who has long been his *Echo*, as he had been his *Pupil*. Tho' Light and Darkness differ not more than the *Principles* of these *under Agents*, they were catechis'd into a Coalition, and separately taught to lay all *Party-Prejudice* aside, and unite for the favourite Purpose of *Power*. And tho' the *one* secretly sought it by *unhinging* my minion *Settlement*, and the *other* by suppressing *Monarchy* itself, yet were they willing, for a while, to drop their different *Schemes*, to join in executing *that* which had been artfully form'd, for distressing the only *Man* capable of defeating their different *Projects*. This *staunch Patriot* was now become the common Object of their united *Malice*; his *Downfal* was the ultimate End of all their *Cabals*; and their whole Artillery was levelled at *him* alone.

'Twas at first the Admiration of the whole Nation, that Men so notoriously differing in *Principle* as this *Triumvirate* should seem as united as if they were actuated by one and the same Spirit. They *wrote*, spoke in *private*, and *speech'd* in *publick*, like Men acting on the same *Principle*; no party Bickerings, no religious Jarrings were known amongst them, so artfully the Harmony had been contrived. Was it necessary that the Argument should turn on curtailing the *Prerogative*, the *Non-resistist* was sure to be one of the first to cry down the Power of the *Crown*: Was it judg'd expedient to speak of *Monarchy* with Deference and Decency, the *Republican* was sure to set himself in the first Ranks of *Royalists*. In Religious Matters 'twas the same; they chimed in the Support or Destruction of the *National Church*; or cry'd-up, or depreciated the Christian System, just as their common *Instructor* thought necessary. 'Twas at first, I say, admired how such strict Harmony should subsist between Men so widely differing in *Principle* and *Religion*, if of the latter they may be said to have any. But it was not long a Secret why the *Wolves* and *Foxes* herded together: *Power*, how distant soever, was the *Cement* of this unnatural *Union*. 'Twas courted; 'twas pursued by them all with equal *Ardour*, but upon different Principles, and with different Views. If from the Ashes of the present *Constitution*, *Anarchy* should sprout, the *Republican* form'd Hopes to himself of being first in the List of *Levelling Rulers*: If *Despotick Sway* should happen to spring from it, who could claim so good a Right to the Post of *Primier Minister* as the *Passive Obedience Man*? And let either the one or the other be the Consequence, as it must, of the projected *Confusion*, the *prime Agent* did not question to be able, by *Art* and the Force of *superior Talents*, to unhorse both his puny *Associates*. As he had found Means to play them upon each other, and easily led them to the Support of his *Schemes*, he could not imagine that they would dare dispute the *first Rank* with him, whenever he should be able to bring them to maturity. They, on the contrary, apprehended no Sort of Danger from the Competition of *one* that had chang'd and varied round the whole *Compass* of Politicks. They could not imagine that any Government would intrust a Man that had been so notoriously *inconstant* and *unfaithful*, that even those he affected to call his bosom Friends could not rely one *single Hour* on his most *solemn Asseverations*. They were sensible he was possess'd of Talents equal to the *highest Employments* of the State; but they were likewise sensible, that the whole People, to a Man, were agreed, that he was not endowed with *Virtue* enough to qualify him for the *lowest*.'

Y. Z.

[*To be continued in our next.*]

COUNTRY NEWS.

Reading, May 14. On Saturday last about Nine o'Clock at Night, one Henry Lawrence, a Fellow who had been in a lingering Condition for some Time, took it in his Head to hang himself. He complain'd to his Wife, that he could not rest, so sent her to the Apothecary's to fetch something to make him sleep; and in the mean Time getting out of Bed, with the Sheet wrapt round him, he fasten'd his Head in the Child's Swing, and in that manner finish'd his miserable Life.

They write from Worcester, that they have taken so many Shads in the Severn this Month, that they were sold for one Penny a Hundred. There were some catch'd which weigh'd 7 lb. Also that the Navigation of the River Dee to Chester is compleated.

Oxford

Oxford, May 8. This Day was committed to our Caſtle, by John Lenthal, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for this County, Mary Weſt of Milton near Burford, for the Murder of her Baſtard Child, which on her Examination ſhe confeſs'd, and that ſhe buried it in her Garden. She is a Widow, and has four Children.

They write from Salisbury, that on Wedneſday laſt two Highwaymen were committed to their Gaol, for robbing a Clergyman of two Guineas and ſome Silver, on Monday laſt near Totterdown-Houſe; and on Tueſday they attempted to rob a Gentleman of Lavington, that was riding out for the Benefit of the Air, but he refuſing to ſubmit, and clapping Spurs to his Horſe, one of them diſcharg'd a Piſtol at him, and the Ball graz'd on one Side of his Hat.

HOME PORTS.

Deal, May 16. Wind N. N. E. The Men of War and Sloops as in my laſt remain. Arrived the Farnley, Duckert, from Lisbon.

Gravesend, May 16. Paſſed by the Tilney, Collins, from Rotterdam; the Mary and Elizabeth, Hammond, from Dunkirk; the Trimmer, Reddard, from Lisbon.

The Conſtant Ann, Blackſton, from Norway, paſſed by Dover the 15th Inſtant

LONDON.

The King George, Kelley, bound from Lisbon to the Weſtern Iſlands, is loſt on one of the ſaid Iſlands.

Laſt Wedneſday Night died the Hon. the Lady Anne Pierrepoint, Aunt to his Grace the Duke of Kinſton.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Captain Medley, Captain of his Majeſty's Ship the Romney, to be Governor and Commander in Chief of the Iſland of Newfoundland.

Laſt Week died the Rev. Mr. Taylor, Rector of Church Over, in the County of Lancaſter

A few Days ſince the Hon. Mr. Needham, Brother to the Lord Viſcount Kilmurry, was married to Mrs. Shackerley, a Widow Lady of a plentiful Fortune.

The Right Hon. the Lord Byron is going a Volantier on board his Majeſty's Ship the Salisbury, commanded by Captain Osborn, who in a few Days will ſail for her Station on the Coaſt of Guiney.

Yeſterday died at her Houſe in Maddox-ſtreet, Hanover Square, Madam Sheldon, a Widow Gentlewoman, ſaid to have died worth 40,000 l.

Tueſday laſt died at Reading in Berkſhire, John Collet, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County.

The Report of the Eight Malefactors now under Sentence of Death in Newgate will not be made to his Majeſty till after the next Seſſions at the Old Baily.

A few Days ſince died John Watſon, of Trevor, Eſq; formerly High Sheriff for the County of Denbigh in Wales.

The Right Hon. the Lord High Chancellor has been pleas'd to preſent the Rev. Mr. Wood, M. A. to the Vicarage of Cadbury in the County of Devon, void by the Death of the laſt Incumbent.

On Wedneſday laſt the Lady of Col. Murray, Brother to the Right Hon. the Earl of Dunmore, one of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, and Colonel of the Third Regiment of Foot Guards, was ſafely deliver'd of a Son at his Houſe in Cavendiſh Square.

Yeſterday Ringall, Ball and Bird, the three Soldiers that were committed to Newgate ſome Time ſince on a Suſpicion of robbing Mr. Swafford, a Carpenter at Hammerſmith, and cutting him in a barbarous Manner, were brought from Newgate to the Court of King's Bench, and admitted to Bail, they not appearing to be the Perſons that committed the Fact.

On Friday laſt the Northampton Flying Stage Coach was robbed by a ſingle Highwayman, about Three o'Clock in the Morning, in Preſton-Lane, three Miles this Side Northampton, who took from the Paſſengers about 50 s. and made off.

	Morning	Evening
High Water this Day at London Bridge	07 11	07 40

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General Poſt-Office, May 12. 1739.

WHEREAS ſeveral Bills and Notes have been taken upon the Perſon who lately robb'd the Weſtern Mail, and are now in the Hands of the Juſtice of the Peace who committed him to Exeter Gaol, The Poſt-Maſter General thinks it neceſſary to acquaint the Publick, that any Perſon or Perſons who expected or have had an Account of Bills to be ſent them by the ſaid Mail, may hear of them at the General Poſt-Office.

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